

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An information ~~processor~~ processing apparatus having a function to ~~check-out a~~ transfer content data to a device connected thereto, the information processing apparatus comprising:

storage means for ~~recording~~ storing the content data to a ~~recording~~ storage medium;

setting means for setting, ~~when the recording means has recorded the content, whether the recorded~~ whether the information processing apparatus automatically transfers content data stored in said storage medium has to be checked-out to the connected device; and

transferring means for ~~checking-out~~ transferring the content data stored ~~recorded~~ in the ~~recording~~ storage medium to the connected device automatically without regard to designation of content data based on a user input ~~when the recording means has recorded the content~~ in case the setting means has set so that the information processing apparatus transfers content data stored in said storage medium to the device ~~the recorded content has to be checked-out~~.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

reading means for reading the content data from ~~the content~~ a recording medium in which it is recorded, and

wherein the ~~recording~~ storage means ~~records~~ stores the ~~read~~ content data read from the recording medium.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The information processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the recording medium is an optical disc, and ~~wherein~~ the reading means reads the content data from ~~[[an]] the optical disc being the content recording medium.~~

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the recording medium is a semiconductor memory, and ~~wherein~~ the reading means read the content data from the ~~[[a]] semiconductor memory being the content recording medium.~~

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The information processing apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising:

encrypting means for encrypting, by a predetermined method, the content data read by the reading means, ~~and~~

wherein the ~~recording~~ storage means ~~records~~ stores the encrypted content data to the ~~recording~~ storage medium.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The information processing apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising

compression means for compressing ~~changing the compression method by which the~~ content data read by the reading means in a predetermined format file ~~is compressed to a predetermined one, and~~

wherein the ~~recording~~ storage means ~~records~~ stores the content data compressed by the compression means ~~predetermined method~~ to the storage ~~recording~~ medium.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The information processing apparatus according to claim 6, further comprising:

encrypting means for encrypting, ~~by a predetermined method~~, the content data compressed by the ~~predetermined compression method~~ compression means, and wherein the ~~recording~~ storage means ~~records~~ stores the encrypted content data to the ~~recording~~ storage medium.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

[[a]] communications means for receiving [[a]] content data via a network, and wherein the ~~recording~~ storage means ~~records~~ stores the received content data as the content data.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The information processing apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising:

encrypting means for encrypting, ~~by a predetermined method~~, the content data received by the communications means, and wherein the ~~recording~~ storage means ~~records~~ stores the encrypted content data to the ~~recording~~ storage medium.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The information processing apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising:

compression means for ~~changing the compression method by which~~ compressing the content data received by the communications means in a predetermined format file is compressed to a predetermined one, and wherein the ~~recording~~ storage means ~~records~~ stores the content data compressed by the ~~predetermined method~~ compression means to the ~~recording~~ storage medium.

Claim 11 (Canceled).

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): An information processing method ~~which is to be~~ carried out in an information processing apparatus ~~processor~~ having a function to transfer ~~check out~~ a content data to a device connected thereto, the method comprising steps of:  
recording ~~storing~~ the content data to a ~~predetermined recording~~ storage medium;  
setting, ~~when the content has been recorded at the recording step, whether the~~  
~~recorded content has to be checked out~~ whether the information processing device  
automatically transfers the content data stored in the storage medium to the connected device;  
and

~~checking out~~ transferring the content data stored ~~recorded~~ in the storage ~~recording~~  
medium to the connected device automatically without regard to designation of content data  
based on a user input ~~when the content has been recorded at the recording step~~ in case it has  
been set ~~at the setting step~~ that the information processing apparatus transfers content data  
stored in the storage medium to the device ~~recorded content has to be checked out.~~

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 12, further  
comprising:

~~a step of~~ reading the content data from ~~the content~~ a recording medium ~~in which it is~~  
~~recorded;~~ and

~~wherein~~ storing the read content data to the storage medium ~~is recorded at the~~  
~~recording step.~~

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 13, further comprising:

~~a step of encrypting, by a predetermined method,~~ the content data read from the recording medium at the reading step; and

~~wherein storing~~ the encrypted content data to the storage ~~is recorded to the recording medium at the recording step.~~

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 12, further comprising:

~~a step of changing [[the]] a~~ compression method by which the read content data ~~read at the reading step~~ is compressed to a predetermined ~~[[one,]]~~ method; and

~~wherein storing~~ the content data compressed by the predetermined method ~~is recorded to the recording storage medium at the recording step.~~

Claim 16 (Canceled).

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 16, further comprising:

~~a step of encrypting, by a predetermined method,~~ the content data compressed by the predetermined compression method~~[[,]]~~; and

~~wherein storing~~ the encrypted content data ~~is recorded to the recording storage medium at the recording step.~~

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 12, further comprising:

~~a communications step~~ of receiving a content via a network~~[[,]]~~; and  
~~wherein~~ storing the received content data to the storage medium ~~is recorded at the~~  
~~recording step.~~

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 18, further  
comprising:

~~a step of encrypting, by a predetermined method,~~ the received content data ~~received at~~  
~~the communications step;~~ and  
~~wherein~~ storing the encrypted content data ~~is recorded~~ to the storage ~~recording~~  
medium ~~at the recording step.~~

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 18, further  
comprising:

~~a step of changing [[the]] a~~ compression method by which the received content data  
~~received at the communications step~~ is compressed to a predetermined ~~[[one,]]~~ method; and  
~~wherein~~ storing the content data compressed by the predetermined method ~~is recorded~~  
to the ~~recording~~ storage medium ~~at the recording step.~~

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 20, further  
comprising:

~~a step of encrypting, by a predetermined method,~~ the compressed content data  
~~compressed by the predetermined compression method;~~ and  
~~wherein~~ storing the encrypted content data ~~is recorded~~ to the ~~recording~~ storage  
medium ~~at the recording step.~~

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): A ~~program-storage~~ computer-readable medium having stored therein an information processing program for use in an information ~~processor~~ processing apparatus having a function to transfer ~~check-out~~ a content data to a device connected thereto, the program comprising:

~~recording~~ storing the content data to a ~~predetermined-recording~~ storage medium;

setting whether the information processing device automatically transfers the content data stored in the storage medium, ~~when the content has been recorded at the recording step,~~ ~~whether the recorded content has to be checked out to the connected device;~~ and

~~checking-out~~ transferring the content data stored ~~recorded~~ in the storage ~~recording~~ medium to the connected device automatically without regard to designation of content data based on a user input ~~when the content has been recorded at the recording step~~ in case it has been set ~~at the setting step~~ that the information processing apparatus transfer content data stored in the storage medium to the device ~~recorded content has to be checked out.~~

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): The computer-readable medium according to claim 22, further comprising:

~~a step of~~ reading the content data from ~~the content~~ a recording medium ~~in which it is recorded;~~ and

~~wherein~~ storing the content read data to the storage medium ~~at the reading step is recorded at the recording step.~~

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): The computer-readable medium according to claim 22, further comprising:

~~a step of~~ encrypting, ~~by a predetermined method,~~ the content data read from the recording medium ~~at the reading step;~~ and

~~wherein storing the encrypted content data is recorded to the recording to the storage medium at the recording step.~~

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): The computer-readable medium according to claim 22, further comprising:

~~a step of changing [[the]] a compression method by which the read content data read at the reading step~~ is compressed to a predetermined [[one,]] method; and

~~wherein storing the content data compressed by the predetermined method is recorded to the recording storage medium at the recording step.~~

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): The computer-readable medium according to claim 25, further comprising:

~~a step of encrypting, by a predetermined method,~~ the content data compressed by the predetermined compression method[[,]]; and

~~wherein storing the encrypted content data is recorded to the recording storage medium at the recording step.~~

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): The computer-readable medium according to claim 22, further comprising:

~~a communications step of receiving a content via a network[[,]]; and~~

~~wherein storing the received content data to the storage medium is recorded at the recording step.~~

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): The computer-readable medium according to claim 27, further comprising:



~~a step of encrypting, by a predetermined method, the received content data received at the communications step;~~ and

~~wherein storing the encrypted content data is recorded to the recording storage medium at the recording step.~~

Claim 29 (Currently Amended): The computer-readable medium according to claim 27, further comprising:

~~a step of changing [[the]] a compression method by which the received content data received at the communications step is compressed to a predetermined [[one,]] method; and~~

~~wherein storing the content data compressed by the predetermined compression method is recorded to the recording storage medium at the recording step.~~

Claim 30 (Currently Amended): The computer-readable medium according to claim 29, further comprising:

~~a step of encrypting, by a predetermined method, the compressed content data compressed by the predetermined compression method;~~ and

~~wherein storing the encrypted content data is recorded to the recording storage medium at the recording step.~~

Claims 31-38 (Canceled).

Claim 39 (Currently Amended): An information processing method ~~which is to be~~ carried out in an information processor having a function to ~~check out~~ transfer contents to a device connected thereto, the method comprising ~~steps of~~:

controlling recording of the plurality of contents to a recording means; and

controlling, each time at least one of the contents is recorded at the recording controlling step in case the content has been recorded at the recording controlling step, ~~checkout~~ transferring of the recorded content to the connected device while recording the other contents not yet recorded.

Claim 40 (Currently Amended): A ~~program~~ computer-readable storage medium having stored therein a computer-readable program ~~intended~~ for controlling an information processor ~~having a function to check~~ to perform a method of checking out a content to a device connected thereto, the ~~program~~ method comprising ~~steps of~~:

controlling of the recording of the plurality of contents to a recording means; and  
controlling, each time at least one of the contents to be recorded has been recorded to the recording medium at the recording controlling step in case the content is recorded at the recording controlling step, ~~checkout~~ transferring of the recorded content to the connected device while recording the other contents not yet recorded.

Claim 41 (New): An information processing apparatus having a function to transfer content data to a device connected thereto, the information processing apparatus comprising:

a recording unit configured to store the content data to a storage medium;  
a processor configured to set whether the information processing apparatus automatically transfer content data stored in said storage medium to the device; and  
a communications interface configured to transfer the content data stored in the storage medium to the connected device automatically without regard to designation of content data based on a user input when the information processing apparatus is set to automatically transfer content data stored in said storage medium to the device.

Claim 42 (New): The information processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a reading unit configured to read the content data from a recording medium,  
wherein the recording unit stores the content data read from the recording medium.

Claim 43 (New): The information processing apparatus according to claim 42,  
wherein the recording medium is an optical disc, and the reading unit reads the content data from the optical disc.

Claim 44 (New): The apparatus according to claim 42, wherein the recording medium is a semiconductor memory, and the reading unit reads the content data from the semiconductor memory.

Claim 45 (New): The information processing apparatus according to claim 42,  
wherein:  
said processor configured to encrypt, by a predetermined method, the content data read by the reading unit, and  
wherein the recording unit stores the encrypted content data to the storage medium.

Claim 46 (New): The information processing apparatus according to claim 42,  
wherein:  
said processor configured to compress the content data read by the reading unit in a predetermined format file, and  
wherein the recording unit stores the compressed content data to the storage medium.

Claim 47 (New): The information processing apparatus according to claim 46,  
wherein:

said processor configured to encrypt the compressed content data, and  
wherein the recording unit stores the encrypted content data to the storage medium.

Claim 48 (New): The information processing apparatus according to claim 41, further  
comprising:

other communications interface configured to receive content data via a network,  
wherein the recording unit stores the received content data as the content data.

Claim 49 (New): The information processing apparatus according to claim 48,  
wherein:  
said processor configured to encrypt the content data received by the communications  
interface,

wherein the recording unit stores the encrypted content data to the storage medium.

Claim 50 (New): The information processing apparatus according to claim 48,  
wherein:

said processor configured to compress the content data received by the  
communications interface in a predetermined format file,  
wherein the recording unit stores the compressed content data to the storage medium.

Claim 51 (New): The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:  
display means for displaying a bar showing progress of storing the content data by the  
storage means.

Claim 52 (New): The method of claim 12, further comprising:  
displaying a bar showing progress of storing the content data.

Claim 53 (New): The computer-readable medium of claim 22, further comprising:  
displaying a bar showing progress of storing the content data.

Claim 54 (New): The apparatus according to claim 41, further comprising:  
a display configured to display a bar showing progress of storing the content data by  
the recording unit.

Claim 55 (New): The information processing apparatus of claim 1, further  
comprising:  
display means for displaying a bar in a color which shows progress of storing the  
content data and displaying another bar in another color which shows progress of transferring  
the content data stored in said storage medium by the transferring means, wherein said bar  
and the another bar are displayed so as to overlap each other.

Claim 56 (New): The method of claim 12, further comprising:  
displaying a bar in a color which shows progress of storing the content data and  
displaying another bar in another color which shows progress of transferring the content data  
stored in said storage medium, wherein the bar and the another bar are displayed so as to  
overlap each other.

Claim 57 (New): The computer-readable medium of claim 22, further comprising:

displaying a bar in a color which shows progress of storing the content data and displaying another bar in another color which shows progress of transferring the content data stored in said storage medium, wherein the bar and the another bar are displayed so as to overlap each other.

Claim 58 (New): The information processing apparatus of claim 41, further comprising:

a display configured to display a bar in a color which shows progress of storing the content data and displaying another bar in another color which shows progress of transferring the content data stored in said storage medium, wherein the bar and the another bar are displayed so as to overlap each other.

Claim 59 (New): The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

display means for displaying a bar showing progress of storing the content data stored in said storage medium by the transferring means.

Claim 60 (New): The method of claim 12, further comprising:

displaying a bar showing progress of storing the content data stored in said storage medium by the transferring.

Claim 61 (New): The computer-readable medium of claim 22, further comprising:

displaying a bar showing progress of storing the content data stored in said storage medium by the transferring.

Claim 62 (New): The apparatus according to claim 41, further comprising:

a display configured to display displaying a bar showing progress of storing the content data stored in said storage medium by the communications interface.

Claim 63 (New): The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:  
compression means for compressing the content data stored in said storage medium in a predetermined format file so as to be able to be reproduced by the device,  
wherein said transferring means transfers the compressed content data to the device.

Claim 64 (New): The method of claim 12, further comprising:  
compressing the content data stored in said storage medium in a predetermined format file so as to be able to be reproduced by the device; and  
transferring the compressed content data to the device.

Claim 65 (New): The computer-readable medium of claim 22, further comprising:  
compressing the content data stored in said storage medium in a predetermined format file so as to be able to be reproduced by the device; and  
transferring the compressed content data to the device.

Claim 66 (New): The apparatus according to claim 41, further comprising:  
a processor configured to compress the content data stored in said storage medium in a predetermined format file so as to be able to be reproduced by the device,  
wherein said communications interface transfers the compressed content data to the device.